III.—MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House the following messages received from His Excellency the Governor of Madras, dated 12th November 1949 :—

' In pursuance of section 82, sub-section (3) of the Government of India Act, 1935, I, Krishna Kumarsinhji Bhavsinhji, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Council the consideration of the Madras Maintenance of Public Order Bill, 1949.

' In pursuance of section 299, sub-section (3) of the Government of India Act, 1935, I, Krishna Kumarsinhji Bhavsinhji, Governor of Madras, hereby accord my previous sanction for the introduction of the Madras Maintenance of Public Order Bill, 1949, in the Madras Legislative Council.

' In pursuance of section 299, sub-section (3) of the Government of India Act, 1935, I, Krishna Kumarsinhji Bhavsinhji, Governor of Madras, hereby accord my previous sanction for the introduction of the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Bill, 1949, in the Madras Legislative Council.

' In pursuance of section 82, sub-section (3) of the Government of India Act, 1935, I, Krishna Kumarsinhji Bhavsinhji, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Council, the consideration of the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary Powers) Bill, 1949 '."

IV.—SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENTS OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1949–50.

The Hon. Sri B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I present, Sir, the Demands for Grants for further expenditure and the Detailed Supplementary Estimates thereof for the year 1949–50.

" As stated in the introductory Memorandum to the Supplementary statement, the demands are all for token sums in respect of all schemes which are treated as new service and which have been sanctioned or approved by the Government during this year till about the middle of October last. This includes grow-more-food schemes sanctioned against the lump sum provision already made in the budget. I do not propose to go through the details of the demands at present. Necessary information will be found in the detailed supplementary estimates laid on the Table of the House."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" The discussion on these will be taken up on the 21st of this month. We will now proceed with the debate on the cyclone havoc."

V.—DISCUSSION *RE* BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Sri M. NARAYANA RAO :—" I was telling the difficulties experienced in the procurement of paddy . . ." 3-30 p.m.

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MR. PRESIDENT :—" I wish to inform the House that after this, we have got two Bills, one is the Maintenance of Public Order Bill and the other the Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning (Temporary powers) Bill. As at present arranged, we are scheduled to meet on the 17th and the 18th but a suggestion has come to me that the 18th may be given to the other House. I wish to ask the House whether it will be possible for this House to finish both the Bills on the 17th and in that connexion, to enquire hon. Members how many are likely to take part in the discussions."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Mr. President, I request you to give us the 17th and the 18th, two full days for the discussion of the Bills."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The present position is that the other House has not sent us any other Bills so that except for these two, there is no more work for us for these two days. So, I would like to know how many members are likely to take part in the discussion of these two Bills."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I just want to remind you, Sir, that there are a few more Ordinance Bills . . ."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" But the other House has not passed them yet."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" But they will be passed in the next two or three days and before this House adjourns, we must pass them so as to give legal sanctions to them and I want that to be considered."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" And for that, what is your suggestion."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" As soon as it is passed there, it will have to be taken up."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Now what about the 18th? I received a request from Mr. Varma that the 18th may be given over to the Assembly. But as at present arranged, we have two Bills to finish within two days, namely, the 17th and the 18th. I want to know from the Leader of the other House, when those other Bills are likely to come up there."

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I am unable to say just now when they are likely to be concluded there. We can take up a decision about the 18th on the 17th."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The difficulty is that the other House is sitting to-morrow and the Speaker has to announce when it is going to meet again ; if it is to meet on the 18th, he will have to announce to-morrow and we have to decide about it now to enable him to make the announcement. The Hon. Minister knows we are not meeting to-morrow."

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" If it is the wish of the House that it wants two days, I think we can accommodate and have the Assembly on the following day."

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MR. PRESIDENT :—" That is why I want to take the opinion of the House whether it wants 18th or not."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" These two Bills, Mr. President, are very important Bills and the time taken by hon. Members necessarily, having regard to the importance, is bound to be long. It may not be possible now to say that this could be over in one day. I think, Sir, that these two important Bills will take two full days. I suggest, Sir, that if the other House requires the 18th we may not sit on the 18th but we might sit later on. We would finish those Bills as early as we can."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" If the other Ordinance Bills are also disposed of in the other House on the 16th and sent on to this House, they will also be available for discussion by this House on the 18th."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" To-morrow until lunch time the Assembly is having the cyclone . . ."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The discussions will not go cyclonic, I believe." (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" And after lunch, there are three or four Bills to regularize Ordinances and they have to be passed into law. I do not think they could be finished within half a day. The Rent Control Bill it taken up, is likely to take a full day, as there is likely to be a general discussion on the working of the provisions of the Act and it will not be possible to finish it to-morrow. After that, the only day on which it could be done is the 18th, as this House meets on the 17th."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" As it is, Sir, it is possible for us to take the 18th."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think if it is needed, we can take the 18th here."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Are we having the 18th, Sir? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Yes."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" I was narrating to you, Sir, about the difficulties in the distribution of food for the victims of the cyclone havoc. Without exaggeration, I may tell you that there was one dead and there were several casualties in the struggle for obtaining rice."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I would like to meet the Hon. Leaders of both Houses and the Chief Whip and discuss with them the programme of legislation for this month. Shall it be after we rise, or to-morrow? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The Government Whip is engaged . . ."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" So, to-morrow morning before you go to the other House, we will discuss the programme. Is that agreed? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir."